



University of Rhode Island

Respondent Characteristics

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| | URI | | New England Public | | Carnegie Class | | NSSE 2011 | |
|--|------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| | FY | SR | FY | SR | FY | SR | FY | SR |
| Response Rate^a | | | | | | | | |
| Overall | 22% | | 26% | | 23% | | 27% | |
| By class | 21% | 24% | 25% | 26% | 21% | 25% | 25% | 28% |
| NSSE sample size ^b | 2,491 | 2,721 | 30,650 | 36,019 | 119,018 | 140,687 | 752,998 | 807,573 |
| Sampling Error^c | | | | | | | | |
| Overall | 2.5% | | 0.6% | | 0.4% | | 0.1% | |
| By class | 3.8% | 3.3% | 1.0% | 0.9% | 0.6% | 0.5% | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| Number of respondents ^b | 518 | 654 | 7,765 | 9,474 | 25,136 | 34,899 | 186,323 | 229,768 |
| Total population | 2,491 | 2,721 | 30,913 | 37,415 | 127,369 | 153,591 | 787,555 | 841,262 |
| Student Characteristics^d | | | | | | | | |
| Mode of Completion | | | | | | | | |
| Paper | 0% | 18% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 1% |
| Web | 100% | 82% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 99% | 99% |
| Enrollment Status^e | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time | 98% | 91% | 98% | 84% | 97% | 86% | 95% | 84% |
| Less than full-time | 2% | 9% | 2% | 16% | 3% | 14% | 5% | 16% |
| Gender^e | | | | | | | | |
| Female | 63% | 65% | 63% | 63% | 61% | 59% | 65% | 63% |
| Male | 37% | 35% | 37% | 37% | 39% | 41% | 35% | 37% |
| Race/Ethnicity | | | | | | | | |
| Am. Indian/Native American | 1% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl. | 4% | 3% | 6% | 5% | 8% | 6% | 8% | 7% |
| Black/African American | 4% | 2% | 4% | 5% | 7% | 7% | 9% | 8% |
| White (non-Hispanic) | 76% | 82% | 75% | 74% | 66% | 68% | 66% | 67% |
| Mexican/Mexican American | 1% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 4% | 4% | 4% | 4% |
| Puerto Rican | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 1% |
| Other Hispanic or Latino | 5% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 3% |
| Multiracial | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 3% |
| Other | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 2% |
| I prefer not to respond | 5% | 5% | 6% | 7% | 5% | 6% | 5% | 6% |
| International Student | 3% | 2% | 4% | 5% | 6% | 6% | 6% | 5% |
| Place of Residence | | | | | | | | |
| On-campus ^f | 81% | 17% | 73% | 19% | 67% | 10% | 66% | 16% |
| Transfer Status | | | | | | | | |
| Transfer students | 2% | 20% | 6% | 44% | 7% | 43% | 9% | 43% |
| Age | | | | | | | | |
| Non-traditional (24 or older) | 3% | 12% | 3% | 33% | 5% | 36% | 8% | 35% |
| Traditional (less than 24) | 97% | 88% | 97% | 67% | 95% | 64% | 92% | 65% |

^a Response rate (number of respondents divided by sample size) is adjusted for non-deliverable mailing addresses, students for whom contact information was not available, and other students who were sampled yet unavailable during the survey administration.

^b This report is based on information from all randomly selected or census-administered students for both your institution and your comparison institutions. Targeted and locally administered oversamples (i.e., non-randomly selected students) are not included in this report.

^c Sampling error is an estimate of the margin by which the true score for your institution on a given item could differ from the reported score. For example, if the sampling error is +/-5% and 60% of your students reply "very often" to a particular item, then the true population value is most likely between 55% and 65%.

^d Percent of total respondents within each category. These results are *not* weighted.

^e Institution-reported data. This information was used to weight your Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.

^f Students who identified their residence as "dormitory or other campus housing" or "fraternity or sorority house."